

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION

Date: July 20, 1981

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE--PNO-III-81-64

This preliminary notification constitutes EARLY notice of events of POSSIBLE safety or public interest significance. The information presented is as initially received without verification or evaluation and is basically all that is known by IE staff as of this date.

Facility: Commonwealth Edison Co.
LaSalle County Station (Docket No. 50-373)
Marseilles, IL 61341

Subject: STRUCTURAL DAMAGE TO REACTOR BUILDING ROOF

Extensive damage resulted to the Reactor Building roof while the licensee was attempting to conduct the Reactor Building leak rate test using the Standby Gas Treatment System on July 19, 1981. Most of the roof span appears to be buckled sufficiently to allow intrusion of rain which occurred last night (7/19/81). It is not known whether the roof structural steel has been deformed.

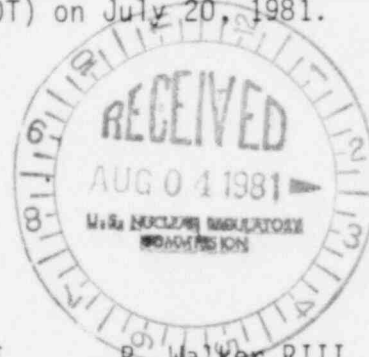
Since the Standby Gas Treatment System is rated at approximately 5000 SCFM it is doubtful that it caused the damage. Present speculation is that improper combinations of supply and exhaust fans were operated, which caused a building over or under pressure condition.

The Senior Resident Inspector is onsite following up on the event. Region III (Chicago) is dispatching inspectors.

Neither the licensee nor Region III is planning a press release.

The State of Illinois will be notified.

Region III received this information from the Senior Resident Inspector and the information is current as of 8:00 a.m. (CDT) on July 20, 1981.



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